GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Linking of Farmers to Milk Industry
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

whether the Government is providing any subsidy to the farmers to link them with milk industry in view of shortage of milk products leading to adulteration in the entire country;
b) if so, the details thereof;
c) whether organic milk is being produced by the farmers;
d) if so, whether any trainings and incentives are being provided to the farmers in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
e) whether the Government is running any campaign to save consumers from adulterated milk in the country, if so, the outcome thereof; and
f) the details of the provisions made by the Government to penalise the persons guilty of milk adulteration?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) No Madam, there is no reports of shortage of milk products in the country.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply at (a) above.

(c) Yes madam.

(d) This Department is not providing any trainings and incentives for production of organic milk.

(e) The issue of adulterated milk is governed under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 which is administered by the M/o Health and Family Welfare, Government of India through Food Safety Standards Authority of India(FSSAI). Enforcement of the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments. FSSAI identified Electronic milk Adulteration Tester(EMAT) with milk analyser for detection of adulterants like urea, detergent, ammonium sulphate, salt, Hydrogen peroxide, sodium bicarbonate, caustic soda etc. FSSAI is taking comprehensive steps for consumer awareness generation and redressal of consumer complaints and to achieve this goal FSSAI recently launched many consumer contact media i.e SMS, WhatsApp, twitter, FSSAI App, Toll −Free No, FSSAI Facebook Page, and Food Safety Voice.

(f) The provisions of offences and penalties have been prescribed under Chapter IX of the FSS Act, 2006. Section 57, 58 and 59 of the Act, provide for penalties for cases of adulteration. The chapter IX of FSS Act,2006 is annexed.

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